

E-News Letter

The Edmonds Legislative Update
King County Councilmember Carolyn Edmonds

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Dear Friends,

It is a privilege to represent you on the King County Council. Periodically I send an e-newsletter which includes events and issues which may be of interest to residents within King County Council District One. The e-newsletter is a good option for keeping residents informed in a cost efficient way. While the county continues to ask our agencies, departments and non-profits to cut costs, I feel it is my responsibility to do the same within my own office.

Please feel free to share this with your neighbors and friends and encourage them to join the e-newsletter mailing list. As always, please contact me with your concerns, questions and ideas. I need to hear from you in order to best serve you.

Sincerely,

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King County Parks

The King County Park system has gone through many changes in the past year. I am pleased to report that revenue generating efforts, such as leasing areas in county parks for concession and advertising space, and the Marymoor Summer concert series have all been a success.

King County residents believe in their park system, as proven with the passage of the County's park levy in May. This levy received strong support from residents in District One, and I thank you for that. The concert series at Marymoor has quickly become a summer favorite. I hope you take the opportunity to attend one of the concerts this year. Ticket info available at: www.concertsatmarymoor.com

As a way to meet the public need for enhanced park facilities in a time of budget cuts, King County announced the establishment of the Association Development and Operation Partnerships (ADOP) Program to create new and enhanced facilities through public/private partnerships.

The ADOP Program empowers organizations that use parks to meet recreation facility needs throughout the region by matching their sweat-equity, expertise, revenue potential, and other resources with the vast inventory of compatible County-owned facilities and land. For example, athletic field users enthusiasts will now have ADOP projects benefit the organizational partners because they gain a facility that meets their standards and addresses their activity's public programming needs. ADOP also benefits the public at large through new and enhanced public recreation facilities without new tax-funded operations and maintenance costs.

The county is interested in receiving your comments regarding our parks. Please take the time to fill out the parks survey at the attached link.

<http://dnr.metrokc.gov/parks/survey/>

Honorable Judge Robert A. Wacker

I was honored to sponsor an ordinance renaming the Shoreline District Courthouse, 18050 Meridian Ave N, the Judge Robert A. Wacker Memorial Building. Judge Robert A. Wacker passed away in April of this year. The King County Council unanimously approved the ordinance on July 28, 2003

Judge Wacker touched many lives within our community through his role as a district court judge and his dedication to youth sports. He is remembered as a judge with a commitment to fairness within his courtroom and in life. His twenty-eight year tenure on the bench never resulted in a case being overturned and he was considered among his colleagues as an exemplary role model and leader.

I will keep the community updated on the date and time of the dedication for the Judge Robert A. Walker Memorial Building.

First NE Transfer Station Facility Master Plan

On June 30th, the Council approved the 1st NE Transfer Station Facility Master Plan, which I sponsored.

The First Northeast Transfer Station is 35 years old and in need of repair and modernization. With the anticipated closure of King County's Cedar Hills Regional Landfill in 2012, the transfer station also needs to be readied for waste export. The planned improvements to the transfer station include an enclosed building to control noise & odors, and an expanded recyclables collection area. The project will comply with

all pertinent environmental laws and will contain facilities that will meet or exceed environmental regulations.

The new facility improvements are the result of a major outreach and public involvement process. Three public meetings were held and a Citizens Advisory Committee was formed. The result has been a wide spread support for the Facility Master Plan in the Shoreline community including support by the Shoreline City Council. The facility primarily serves Shoreline and Lake Forest Park but residents of Kenmore and Bothell also use the facility. Construction is expected to take approximately 18 months. It is anticipated that the facility will be operational by 2006.

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